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1. Early developments in East Berlin subsequent to General P. A. Dibrova's statement that East Berlin is part of East German territory suggest that the statement had neither been pre-arranged with the East Germans, as it had first appeared, nor cleared with Moscow. Thus it is open to question how far Dibrova's statement is likely to be followed through.
2. During the ceremonies commemorating the seventh anniversary of the founding of the East German government, Mayor Ebert of East Berlin did not allege that East Berlin is now part of the German Democratic Republic. Without referring to the legal or four-power status of East Berlin, he merely reiterated the long standing claim that the city is the capital of East Germany. Dibrova attended the ceremonies but apparently did not speak.
3. The current post-Geneva propaganda campaign of the East Germans had tried to demonstrate that the Western world is misguided in its belief that the Soviets wish to communise West Germany before accepting unification. The Soviets, they say, wish merely to implement the Potsdam Agreements, i.e., denazification, removal of monopolies, destruction of the powers of big business, land reform etc. If these aims are to be called communistic, then the British and Americans must be accused of having advocated communism at Potsdam which is certainly not true. The end of the quadripartite status of East Berlin would therefore invalidate the Soviet reunification campaign, based as it is on the fulfillment of the Potsdam Agreements.
4. The scheduled trip of a top-level East German government delegation to China would indicate that the East Germans do not expect any significant developments to take place in Berlin in the immediate future.
5. The failure of the Germans or Soviets in Berlin to further clarify Dibrova's statement suggests the possibility that the matter had not been cleared with Moscow or that Moscow had not notified Berlin of the full intent of this move.

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